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# Most Blessed Trinity Parish

## Third Sunday of Easter



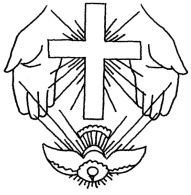
### Lesson from Emmaus Road

Luke 24:13-35

April 25-26, 2020

*Most Blessed Trinity Parish is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the love of the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—3 persons in 1 God. We are dedicated to grow in their love and continue the Great Commission of spreading the Gospel to all nations, starting right here in Western Schuylkill County.*

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# MOST BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

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April 25/26, 2020, Year A—Cycle II

## WELCOME!

All are most welcome at Most Blessed Trinity Parish. Please register as soon as possible. Also, please call the rectory when changing your address.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

If NOT listed to be rescheduled, ALL these Masses are PRIVATE (FR. PAUL ONLY). Times might vary.

### Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25

Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM +Mary Guidas By Dorothy Reider

Sunday, April 26

Chapel—9:00 AM +Catherine Schade by Bob and Mary Frances Miller

Church—10:30 AM +Bob Morgan by John and Paty Adams

**Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont**

Monday, April 27

8:00 AM +Deceased Santai and Novak Families by Tom and Cathy Santai

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 PM For the Living and Deceased Members of Easter Memorials by Donors

Wednesday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 AM +Catherine G. Schade by Tom and Cathy Santai

Thursday, April 30

8:00 AM +John and Anne Furey by Marcy and Ron Coleman

Friday, May 1—First Friday

8:00 AM For the Living and Deceased Members of Easter Memorials by Donors

Saturday, May 2—St. Athanasius; First Saturday

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Father Paul

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM Health and God's Blessings for Dave and Mary Anne Wassel by Ed and Eleanor Wassel

Sunday, May 3

Chapel—9:00 AM +Gayle Kobularik by the Porter Tower Alumni Association

Church—10:30 AM +Frederick Graeff by Robert Graeff



### Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6  
1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Thank you for supporting our Parish during the Coronavirus crisis, as we still must pay big bills. **Until we meet again, kindly consider sending *by mail* your donations (in their weekly regular envelopes) *directly* to our Parish, OR do On-Line Giving. Thanks so much!**

### ON-LINE GIVING UPDATE

The Diocese is READY on its own website for Processing of Credit and Debit donations to MBT: 1) Go to [www.allentowndiocese.org/parish-support](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/parish-support) 2) Under "Universal Offertory Form" section, designate our parish and fill in all other fields. 3) Note a processing fee.

**Ask Father Paul:** "Would watching Mel Gibson's movie be a good Holy Week activity for my family?"

This year "The Passion of the Christ" made my Holy Week more meaningful. I would not watch it every year, but every now and then. Every Hollywood film, because of its length, is potentially a big target, and so is open to many sorts of criticisms as well as praises. Back in 2003 and 2004, many of "the cultured elite" criticized the movie even before they could view it (To "prejudge" something is to have a "prejudice" against it). Yet those who waited for it in the theaters awarded it a rare "A+" rating. Roger Ebert gave it four stars. So often we modern Christians are apathetic to the sufferings of Jesus. This movie awoke me to the actual brutality of Roman crucifixions, just as Moslem terrorists gave me a new appreciation for what it meant to have my head cut off, or the Coronavirus gave me a new sympathy for Europeans who suffered in the Middle Ages without vaccines. As with people I know, and with situations in life, the film's strength is also its weakness. It is too brutal, certainly too violent to share with the younger children in our families. After seeing Christ's scourging, I was telling myself that this movie so beats Jesus to a pulp that he would be unable to say or do what the Gospel writers said he did. This "So-Brutalized Jesus" could never carry His own cross even a third of the Way, or warn women on the Way about deadly calamities awaiting them, and their children, when Roman soldiers would annihilate their city decades later. "Weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Modern biblical scholarship considers this Passion narrative scene evidence of anti-Semitism on the part of the Gospel writers (who were themselves ethnic Jews!). So many critics who had "pre-judged" Gibson's movie to be "anti-Semitic" thoroughly expected it to contain this scene with these words, AND its earlier complementary scene, with the dire words, "His blood be upon us and upon our children," spoken by "all the people" in the mob before Pilate (Matthew 27:25). But the film has Jesus silent with the women, and the filmed self-cursing about His blood was deleted from the movie in a final editing before its release for the theatres. In the Middle Ages, the Jewish minority living in Christendom was often exposed to pogroms. These were violent riots of zealous Catholics against the Jews during Holy Week. Many Jews were injured and killed for being Jews. Thank God pogroms are not happening! In 2003 and 2004, the worst critics of Mel Gibson's movie naturally feared the very worst, but the worst was not to be. Popes and Catholic bishops insist that it is a serious sin to blame all Jews, today or in any age, for the tragic roles played by a few powerful leaders of the Jewish nation centuries ago in the Roman crucifixion of Christ.

### PARISH WEBSITE:

<http://mostblessedtrinity.us>  
for information and updates

### Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Safe Environment: Ms. Pamela Russo, MSW, MS, Secretary for Youth Protection, (610) 871-5200, ext. 2204

Victim Assistance: Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Phone (800) 791-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

**Easter Memorials**

**Health & God's Blessings for:**

The Rickert, DeCidco, Unger & English Families by Barbara Rickert and the Mitsky & Stroupbauer Families by Florence Stroupbauer.

**In Memory of:**

+Paul Whelski by Jacqui Harner; +Deceased Mitsky & Stroupbauer Families by Florence Stroupbauer.



The Tower City Food Pantry will distribute food on the 1st Saturday of the month, May 2nd, from 10-11:30 AM, at the Moose Lodge, 536 E. Grand Ave., Tower City. **DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY.** It is available to people who live in the Williams Valley School District and to those who became unemployed because of the Coronavirus, but you must pre-register by calling Donna Hunter @ 717-647-9486.

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN  
FOR PRIVATE VISITS AND PRAYER**

We pray that you are healthy. As long as there are no more than ten people in our Church at one time, it should be open to you to be a place of refuge and comfort, and a source of strength for the faithful. For security reasons it is closed over night (5PM to 9AM). At this time, IF YOU ARE SICK, God calls you to go to the doctor, NOT to Church!

**ALL HEALTHY ADULTS OR FAMILIES WHO DESIRE TO PRAY ALONE WITH GOD ARE MOST WELCOME TO DO SO INSIDE OF MOST BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH. FATHER WOULD APPRECIATE THAT YOU ALSO BRIEFLY STOP BY THE RECTORY BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH.**

**PASTOR'S SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BISHOP'S CORONAVIRUS MANDATES**

The Bishop encourages the faithful to PRAY with their family members frequently, and to pray Rosary as a family, both for all affected by this pandemic and for all who care for the sick at home, as first responders, and in hospitals and other institutions.

If you have a loved one in a hospital or nursing home, and the priest cannot enter, during this crisis he is allowed to administer Last Rites while he is praying prayers outdoors, near the window of the person being prayed for. In the case of General Absolution, all patients and medical staff inside the facility can benefit by it as long as they desire to receive the Sacrament because they believe in it and have a proper disposition. If the patient makes a recovery, someone should remind him or her that there still remains the duty of making Sacramental Confession.

Pope Francis has decreed a plenary indulgence be offered to anyone suffering from the Coronavirus, healthcare workers, family members, caregivers of the infirm, and any member of the faithful. The conditions to receive this indulgence are the postscript of the Easter Letter. If not detached from all your venial sins, your indulgence can only be partial. Thanks!

**Bishop Schlert's MASS "streams live" daily on the Internet. Get details at [www.ad-today.com](http://www.ad-today.com)  
TIMES: Monday to Saturday—8AM, Sunday—10 AM**

**Print and Mail to Parish Office to Get Your FREE Lenten Book!**

The Parish has received a shipment of another case (35 copies are left).

**Because of the coronavirus crisis**, requests for free copies can be honored without any intent to attend a discussion group. *We DO ask that you intend to read this book as soon as life allows.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve for me a new FREE paperback copy of the book, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know*, by Michael Patrick Barber. I'll try to read it as a schedule priority.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>Church: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6:00 PM                  Chapel: Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM                  or by appointment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sacrament of Marriage</u></b></p> <p>Couples should contact Fr. Paul as soon as they are engaged, at least 6 months before the date of the marriage.</p>						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sponsor Certificates</u></b></p> <p>Letters of recommendation for sponsors may be obtained by calling the rectory, and will be issued for registered parishioners who meet the qualifications as set forth in Canon Law.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sacrament of Baptism</u></b></p> <p>Parents must be registered for at least 3 months and be practicing their faith. Baptism classes are set at the convenience of the parents and rectory.</p>						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Home Bound Outreach</u></b></p> <p>Please call the rectory if you are physically unable to attend Mass and you will be visited during the first week of the month.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Diocesan Schools in Pottsville</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Assumption BVM School (gr. K-8)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-0106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nativity BVM High School (gr. 9-12)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-8110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St. Joseph Center for Special Learning</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-4638</td> </tr> </table>	Assumption BVM School (gr. K-8)	(570) 622-0106	Nativity BVM High School (gr. 9-12)	(570) 622-8110	St. Joseph Center for Special Learning	(570) 622-4638
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PREP</u></b></p> <p>Church: Sun. 9:00 – 10:15 AM Loc. Sup. Dawn Myers                  Chapel: Sun. 10:00 – 11:15 AM Loc. Sup. Stella Durkin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Hall Use (Church and Chapel)</u></b></p> <p>Pastor must first approve.                  Rent and liability fees may apply.</p>						